

REMARKS

Claims 3-10 and 12-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 11 and 15 are canceled, without prejudice to, or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein, and claims 3-10 and 12-14 are amended. No new matter is added.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 12, 14 and 15 are allowed and that claims 3, 4, 7 and 10 include allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, claims 3, 4 and 10 are amended into independent form including allowable features.

II. Claims 12 and 14 Satisfy All Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to claims 12 and 14 for informalities. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that the features "the micronization" and "the oscillation frequency" recited in claim 12 and the feature "the micro-encapsulation" recited in claim 14 lack antecedent basis. By this Amendment, these specific recitations are canceled from claims 12 and 14. Accordingly, claims 12 and 14 satisfy all formal requirements. Withdrawal of the objection is thus respectfully requested.

III. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 5, 8 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,251,195 to Suzuki et al. (Suzuki); and rejects claims 6 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Suzuki. The rejection of canceled claims 1, 2 and 11 is moot, and the rejections of claims 5, 6, 8 and 9 are respectfully traversed.

By this Amendment, claims 5, 6 and 8 are amended to depend from independent claim 3, and claim 9 is amended to depend from independent claim 4. As implicitly admitted by the Office Action, independent claims 3 and 4 are allowable over Suzuki. Thus, claims 5, 6, 8 and 9 are allowable over Suzuki for at least their dependence from independent claims 3

and 4, as well as for the additional features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejections is thus respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 3-10 and 12-14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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